

## JSPS Postdoctoral Fellowship Program for Foreign Researchers

### FY2008

The JSPS Postdoctoral Fellowship Program for Foreign Researchers provides opportunities for young postdoctoral researchers from other countries to conduct, under the guidance of their hosts, cooperative research with leading research groups in universities and other Japanese institutions. The program allows such researchers to advance their own research while contributing to the progress of research in Japan and the counterpart countries.

#### 1. FIELDS OF RESEARCH:

All fields of the humanities, social sciences, and natural sciences are included under this program.

#### 2. ELIGIBILITY:

Each candidate for the Fellowship must:

- 1) Possess either the nationality or citizenship of the nominating country or be a permanent resident of that country
- 2) Hold a doctorate degree when the Fellowship goes into effect, which must have been received within six years prior to April 2, 2008 (i.e. awarded on or after April 2, 2002), or be scheduled to receive a doctorate degree before the Fellowship goes into effect.
- 3) Have arranged in advance a research plan with his/her Japanese host.

[Note]

- Those who have previously been awarded a fellowship under the JSPS Postdoctoral Fellowship Program for Foreign Researchers are not eligible.
- Those who do not meet the nationality/citizenship requirement may apply for the program only if the competent nominating authorities agree to accept their applications. Such researchers may be nominated to JSPS so long as they do not reduce the number of nominees with eligible status.

#### 3. PERIOD:

From 12 to 24 months

#### 4. STARTING DATE:

Fellows must start their Fellowship in Japan during the period of 1 April 2008 – 30 November 2008.

#### 5. TERMS OF AWARD (FELLOWS ONLY):

- 1) A round-trip air ticket (based on JSPS regulations)
- 2) A monthly maintenance allowance of 367,000 yen
- 3) A settling-in allowance of 200,000 yen
- 4) An annual domestic research travel allowance of 58,500 yen
- 5) Overseas travel accident and sickness insurance coverage

[Note]

- The amounts of the Awards indicated above are subject to change.
- If the Fellow resides in Japan on the date his/her award letter is issued, the above-mentioned air ticket to Japan and settling-in allowance will not be provided.
- A research grant, "Grant-in-Aid for Scientific Research" (*Tokubetsu Kenkyuin Shorei-hi*) or "Research Grant" (*Shiken Kenkyu-hi*), of up to 1,500,000 yen per year (total of 3,000,000 yen for two years) is available to cover cooperative research-related expenses. Application for these grants is made by the host researcher through his/her institution.



## 6. HOST RESEARCHERS AND HOST INSTITUTIONS IN JAPAN:

- Host researchers in Japan must be employed full-time (excluding research assistants) at a university or research institution eligible to apply to MEXT for funding under the Grants-in-Aid for Scientific Research Program and approved by JSPS as an appropriate institution for hosting young foreign researchers. For examples of these institutions, please refer to Table 1 (FY2008).
- Candidates must have arranged in advance a research plan for their stay in Japan with their prospective host researcher.

## 7. APPLICATION PROCEDURE FOR THE PROGRAM:

Applications for this program must be submitted to JSPS through a foreign nominating authority. Application process is as follows:

- 1) Contact is made between a foreign scientist who wishes to conduct cooperative research in Japan and his/her prospective host.
- 2) Foreign scientist submits an application to a nominating authority.
- 3) Nominating authority selects the candidates and nominates them to JSPS.
- 4) Approximately three months after receiving an application, JSPS will send out a notice of selection decision to both the candidate and submitting nominating authority.

### [Note]

- JSPS does not find or introduce host scientists.
- Application deadline and selection procedure differs by each nominating authority.
- When setting the starting date of fellowships, adequate time should be allowed for application processing: e.g., application screening by the nominating authority and selection decision-making by JSPS.
- Apart from receiving applications through foreign nominating authorities, JSPS also accepts applications from Japanese researchers who agree to host a foreign postdoctoral researcher (Open recruitment). For details on this application channel, please see our website:  
<http://www.jsps.go.jp/english/e-fellow/fellow.html>

## 8. MATERIALS TO BE SUBMITTED:

- 1) Application form (research data) written by each candidate (Format 2-Postdoc)
- 2) A letter of acceptance/invitation from the candidate's prospective host researcher in Japan, stating that he/she accepts the candidate at his/her institution.
- 3) A letter of reference/recommendation from the candidate's current or previous supervisor (not from his/her prospective host researcher in Japan).
- 4) A copy of the candidate's doctoral degree certificate. If the degree has not yet been awarded, a letter is required from the candidate's institution stating the date that he/she will officially receive the degree.
- 5) Supplementary documents (if necessary)

### [Note]

- All documents except degree certificate must be the original.
- All documents must be in either English or Japanese. When the original document is in another language, please be sure to attach an English translation (which does not need to be an official translation, but may be done by the host or candidate).

## 9. REPORTING OBLIGATION:

The fellowship awardees and their host researchers must submit two research reports: (1) an interim report at the 12-month juncture of the fellow's tenure, and (2) a final report within one month of the completion of his/her tenure.

### [Note]

- The names of the awardees and their host researchers as well as their research themes and reports are subject to public disclosure.
- The awardees will also be asked to participate in surveys aimed at improving the fellowship program.



**JAPAN SOCIETY FOR THE PROMOTION OF SCIENCE (JSPS)**  
**APPLICATION FOR JSPS POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP FOR FOREIGN RESEARCHERS**  
**FY2008**

< Application should be typed or printed. >

1. Name in Full			2. Date of Birth	
FAMILY	First	Middle	/	
			Day	Month
			/	Year
3. Nationality		4. Citizenship		5. Permanent Resident
6. Current Appointment and/ or Status Title: Division: Institution:				
7. Academic Degree (Ph.D.) Type: Field: Institute:				
			Date Obtained (or Expected)	
			/	/
			Day	Month
			/	Year
8. Higher Education (Start from the latest one)				
Name of University / Institution	Location	Degree	Field	Completion Date (Month/Year)
9. Previous Employment (Start from the latest one)				
Name of Institution	Location	Position	From – To (Month/Year)	
10. Academic Awards (Please indicate title, year and conferrer.)				
11. Field of Specialization				
12. Name of Proposed Host Researcher and Host Institution Host Researcher: Title: Division: Host Institution:				
13. Research Theme in Japan (up to 100 letters including spaces and symbols)				
14. Proposed Tenure of JSPS Fellowship (Start of tenure: 1 Apr.2008-30 Nov.2008 , Total: 12-24months)				
From:	/	/	to	/
Day	Month	Year	Day	Month
			/	Year
			Total:	Months

15. Research Plan in Japan: Please include at least the following items:

- a. Present research related to research plan
- b. Purpose of proposed research
- c. Proposed Plan
- d. Expected results and impacts





## 16. Subject and Achievement of Past Research

17. List of Major Publications

Authors (all,) Title, Journal, Vol, No., pp., Month, Year

18. Language Ability (5: excellent .....1: poor)																				
	Reading					Writing					Hearing					Speaking				
Japanese	5	4	3	2	1	5	4	3	2	1	5	4	3	2	1	5	4	3	2	1
English	5	4	3	2	1	5	4	3	2	1	5	4	3	2	1	5	4	3	2	1
	5	4	3	2	1	5	4	3	2	1	5	4	3	2	1	5	4	3	2	1
	5	4	3	2	1	5	4	3	2	1	5	4	3	2	1	5	4	3	2	1
	5	4	3	2	1	5	4	3	2	1	5	4	3	2	1	5	4	3	2	1

19. Past Stay(s) in Japan  
 Place: \_\_\_\_\_ Year: \_\_\_\_\_ Purpose: \_\_\_\_\_

20. Name(s) of other fellowship(s) for which you are now applying

21. Mailing Addresses (Approximately three months after receiving an application, JSPS will send out fellowship-commencement documents, so care should be taken to ensure that the address will remain valid. Please check Office or Home; unless otherwise stated we will send the documents to your office.)  
☐ Office: \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ Home: \_\_\_\_\_  
  
 Tel: \_\_\_\_\_ Tel: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_  
 E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

22. Will you be accompanied by spouse and/or offspring(s)? If so, please indicate their names and relationship.  
 Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

23. If you have been previously awarded as a JSPS fellowship or participated in another JSPS research program, please indicate the name of the program and the period of your participation.  
☐ I have been awarded a fellowship under the JSPS Summer Program in (Year).  
  
☐ Other Program  
     Name of the program: \_\_\_\_\_  
     Period of participation: \_\_\_\_\_

I certify the above information to be accurate and correct.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME (Print): \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

(Applicant signature)



**NOTE:**

The following documents must be attached.

- 1) A letter of acceptance / invitation from the candidate's prospective host researcher in Japan, stating that he/she accepts the candidate at his / her institution.
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